

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a liquid crystal display device that prevents problems in display, such as afterimages, achieves a high brightness and contrast, and in particular, provides a wide viewing angle. The liquid crystal display device of the invention can include a pair of substrates, a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween, common electrodes in the form of stripes disposed on the inner surface of the substrate, and pixel electrodes in the form of rectangles disposed on the inner surface of the other substrate. In the liquid crystal display device, the liquid crystal layer can be composed of liquid crystal molecules with negative dielectric anisotropy, which are vertically aligned in an initial state. Further, outer edges of the pixel electrodes can be positioned inside or outside the corresponding outer edges of the common electrodes so that the tilt directions of the vertically aligned liquid crystal molecules are controlled.